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MEMORANDUM TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Subject: Fall Turkey Management Unit Technical Change
Wildlife Conservation Order Amendment No. 11 of 2014
FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Authority:

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, authorizes the Director and the Commission to issue orders to manage wild animals in this state.

Discussion and Background:

In October of 2013, the Department made recommendations for spring turkey regulations and license quotas. As part of those recommendations, boundary changes were proposed to move the Beaver Island group into a new turkey management unit (TMU) B. This proposed TMU B was approved by the Natural Resources Commission on November 7 as part of Wildlife Conservation Order amendment No. 19 of 2013.

Upon updating the Michigan Wild Turkey Hunting Digest for the 2014 fall season, a technical error was found in the language of Amendment 19. The Beaver Island group was inadvertently removed from TMU YY under section 12.651. The Department recommends reinstating the Beaver Island group as part of TMU YY as this unit is used for hunting the fall season, not the spring season. This Amendment provides the technical correction to ensure that the Wildlife Conservation Order includes the correct definition of TMU YY.

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Recommendation:

This order is being submitted for information and consideration. This item appeared on the Department's May 2014 calendar and may be eligible for approval on July 10, 2014.



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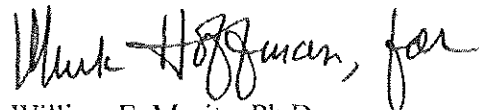
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WILDLIFE CONSERVATION ORDER

Amendment No. 11 of 2014

By authority conferred on the Natural Resources Commission and the Director of the Department of Natural Resources by sections 40107 and 40113a of 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.40107 and 324.40113a, it is ordered that effective July 11, 2014, the following section(s) of the Wildlife Conservation Order shall read as follows:

12.651 Fall ~~Wild~~ wild turkey management unit YY defined.

Sec. 12.651 Wild turkey management unit YY means all of Allegan, Barry, Bay, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Clinton, Eaton, Genesee, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Huron, Ingham, Ionia, Isabella, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Kent Lapeer, Lenawee, Livingston, Macomb, Midland, Montcalm, Muskegon, Oakland, Ottawa, Saginaw, Sanilac, Shiawassee, St. Clair, St. Joseph, Tuscola, Van Buren, and Washtenaw counties and Beaver island in Charlevoix county.

Issued on this 10th day of July, 2014.

Approved as to matters over which the Natural Resources Commission has authority.

J.R. Richardson, Chairman
Natural Resources Commission

Approved as to matters over which the Director has authority.

Keith Creagh
Director